

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STATE ENGINEER
WITH THE DUCHESNE AND STRAWBERRY RIVERS WATER USERS
HELD THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1961 at 10:45 a.m. IN
THE COURTROOM AT DUCHESNE, UTAH

THOSE PRESENT WERE:

Clarence E. Erickson, Jr.
Emil Munz
Hale Holgate
A. Foster Rhoades
Otto K. Weaver
Frederic H. Varnum
Leo L. Brady
Alfonzo Defa
Tom Bronson
Ray Mott
Fred M. Hayes
William C. Hayes
Mont S. Poulson
Milton T. Poulson
Morris Buckwalter
Matt Uresk, Jr.
Phillip I. Moon
Elmer R. Moon
Wanless Shields
Jack Bleazard
B. O. Colton
Lulu Munz
John E. Abbott
Ray Horrocks
Tom Fabrizio
Charlie D. Fabrizio
Owen J. Moon
Neil Moon
Ralph Olson
Howard Cowan
Harvey Gee
June Roberts
Edmund O. Bench
Lloyd Roberts
Fred Balis
Jerry Merkley
John Munz
L. R. Swasey
Myrthen N. Moon
Leo B. Defa
Andrew Defa
Nick Defa
Frank T. Defa
Arthur Fabrizio
Ray Thomas
Leo S. Defa

403 State Capitol Bldg.
Duchesne, Utah
Arcadia, Utah
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State Engineer
Rocky Point Ditch Co.
Duchesne River Exchange
Rhoades Ditch Co.
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Water Commissioner
Private
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Riverdell Co.
Riverdell Co.
Rocky-Point & Rhoades Ditch Co.
Rocky-Point - Grey Mt. Canal
Duchesne Irr. Co.
Duchesne Irr. Co.
Utah Water & Power Board
Sec. Rocky Point Ditch Co.
Rocky Point Ditch Co.
Duchesne City
Rhoades Canal Co.
Rhoades Canal Co.
Rhoades & Big Spring
Turnbow & Big Spring

Rocky Point Ditch Co.
Rocky Point Ditch Co.
Farm Creek Irr. Co.
Rocky Point Ditch Co.

Rhoades Canal Co.
Rocky Point Ditch Co.
Rocky Point Ditch Co.

Thomas Ditch & Farmer Creek Co.
Farm Creek Irr. Co.
Farm Creek Irr. Co.
Little Farm Creek Irr. Co.
Little Farm Creek Irr. Co.
Rhoades Canal Co.
O. T. Hicken Ditch Co.
Little Farm Creek



Clifford Roberts
Kenneth L. Wilkinson
Louie Galloway

Tabiona, Utah
Duchesne, Utah
Roosevelt, Utah

Farm Creek Irr. Co.
Pioneer Canal Co.
Sec. Duchesne & Strawberry
River Water Users Association

Janet Cowan
Elwood B. Carter

Duchesne, Utah
Tabiona, Utah

Duchesne & Strawberry Distribution System
State Engineer's Office
State Engineer's Office
State Engineer's Office
Business Manager

Donald C. Norseth
T. V. Smith
Dick Pexton
Frank Reese

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DONALD C. NORSETH, Distribution Engineer of the State Engineer's Office called the meeting to order.

PURPOSE OF MEETING: He stated that the purpose of the meeting was: (1) Hearing the financial report for 1960; (2) Making recommendations to the State Engineer as to the appointment of a Water Commissioner for the 1961 season, and as to his duties; (3) Preparing a budget of salaries and other necessary expenses of distribution; and, (4) Transacting other business, as may properly come before the meeting. He discussed delinquent assessment accounts and the indicated deficiency in the 1961 water supply. He also recommended that the fiscal year for the Duchesne and Strawberry Rivers Distribution System be changed to the calendar year beginning January 1st and ending December 31st. The Water Commissioner's appointment would also be from January 1st to December 31st. Mr. Norseth then introduced the personnel present representing the State Engineer's Office:

Clarence E. Erickson, Jr.	Distribution
Frank Reese	Business Manager
T. V. Smith	Business
Dick Pexton	Business

Mr. Norseth then turned the meeting over to Chairman, Elwood B. Carter.

ELWOOD B. CARTER asked Secretary Louie Galloway to read the minutes of the last annual meeting. Corrections were called for, and none were submitted. Moved by A. Hale Holgate and seconded by Wanless Shields that the minutes be accepted as read. Motion Carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Frank Reese of the State Engineer's Office was asked to present the financial statement for 1960. He, in turn asked T. Vinton Smith to make the report, stating that Mr. Smith had been assigned the responsibility of distribution accounts, and he may as well get the experience of making reports to the water users, etc. The financial statement was presented as follows:

Following presentation of the financial report, Mr. Reese called attention to the fact that Reed Clayburn had been hired during 1960 as a deputy Commissioner, without provision in the budget for a deputy, and he recommended that if additional help is needed this year for the Water Commissioner, that this be included in the budget for 1961. He also reported that the delinquent assessment account is in a deplorable condition and the delinquencies must be paid, even if it is necessary to resort to court action for collection. He brought to the attention of those present, the fact that there is a 10% penalty on delinquent assessments. Anyone may pay the delinquency following this meeting.

Mr. T.V. Smith called attention to a possible error in the over-expenditure account, stating that he thinks the \$41.58 reported as travel for Deputy, should be \$51.58. ✓ The need for this correction was not definitely determined at this meeting.

It was moved by Howard Cowan and seconded by Ralph Olsen that the financial report be accepted as read. The motion carried.

Mr. Carter explained it to be the policy to let the incumbent Executive Committee consummate business of providing commissioner service for the year ahead before electing Association officers for the coming year, thus the annual meeting of the Association will come after the State Engineer's meeting and this will give the newly elected officers a year in which to become familiar with the problems and procedure connected with the system.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT: Leo L. Brady, Water Commissioner, made a verbal report for the year 1960. He reported that the water diverted on the Duchesne and Strawberry Rivers in 1960 was about 15,000 acre feet less than in 1959, most of this shortage occurring the last two weeks of July and in August. He also reported that 80% of the water diverted is under recorder measurement. A recorder was installed by Pioneer Canal Company in 1960. Increasing demands for water on new acreage and a condition of sub-normal water supply make better records and more accurate distribution imperative.

CHARLIE D. FABRIZIO made a statement that a number of complaints had come to his attention that because of methods used by the Water Commissioner in regulating water diverted into canals, small ditches had been flooded. Mr. Norseth recommended a letter be written relative to this matter, and he and the Commissioner will meet with those who have the complaint and discuss the problems.

MR. NORSETH stated that greater emphasis is going to be made, state-wide, on the need for measuring and control structures in canals, and the appropriators on Duchesne and Strawberry must prepare to co-operate. If they are not installed after notice has been given, the only prerogative is to shut off the water. Measuring devices are even more necessary in a year with a critical water shortage such as this one promises to be.

COMMISSIONER APPRECIATES CO-OPERATION: Leo L. Brady expressed appreciation for the co-operation he had received during 1960, his first year as Water Commissioner. Nearly everyone had been most co-operative and headgates had been left as he had set them.

WATER COMMISSIONER: Mr. Carter commented on the outstanding service Leo L. Brady had rendered the system, even though this was his first year and there was a shortage of water. He stated the Executive Committee, concurred in by Otto K. Weaver, representing Indian Service, were recommending that Leo L. Brady be employed as Commissioner for the year 1961. It was moved by Orven J. Moon and seconded by Morris Buckwalter that the recommendation be accepted. The motion carried.

MR. NORSETH, representing the State Engineer, accepted the recommendation and stated that Leo L. Brady would be appointed Water Commissioner for 1961.

BUDGET: Mr. Carter stated that the 1961 Water Commissioner budget had been discussed in the executive meeting which had been held prior to this meeting. He said Leo L. Brady
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had been sharing office space with the County Agent for a rental of \$10.00 per month. This arrangement is no longer available, but a room is now available for Mr. Brady at \$25.00 per month. It will not be necessary to increase the budget for 1961 to cover the increase in rent, as the system has a reserve of approximately \$2,500 with the State Engineer. Mr. Carter recommended that the Water Users accept the suggestion of the executive committee and approve a budget totaling \$7,000.00, which is the same as was approved for 1960, except item No. 4 office rent is \$300.00, and item No. 8 miscellaneous expenses is \$81.00. A motion was made by Harvey Gee and seconded by John E. Abbott that the budget be accepted as recommended, and the total of the 1961 assessment be \$7,000.00. Motion unanimously carried. 31479

Discussion was had on the method of assessment apportionment. Nineteen-sixty is the fourth year the system has been operating under the supervision of the State Engineer. It was moved by Otto K. Weaver and seconded by A. Hale Holgate that the basis of apportionment for 1961 assessment be the average amount of water diverted by each appropriator the past four years. The motion carried.

CALENDAR YEAR & FISCAL YEAR: Mr. Weaver questioned the changing of the operation to a calendar year fiscal year basis in relation to the time necessary for the water commissioner to make his report. Mr. Norseth stated there would be no conflict involved. Moved by Otto K. Weaver and seconded by John E. Abbott that the fiscal year for the Duchesne and Strawberry Rivers Water Users Association be changed for an operational basis to January 1st - December 31st. Motion carried.

ELMER R. MOON mentioned construction of individual reservoir projects and expressed desire for speeding up the Central Utah Project developments on the Duchesne River. Mr. Holgate said privately sponsored projects must be repaid in full by the individuals building them, but they will have the benefit of the use of the impounded water if construction takes place before Central Utah Project construction. Projects constructed under Central Utah Project will have the benefit of the Colorado River Power Pool revenue but there is a delay in actual construction. He and others on the Duchesne County Water Users Association Executive Committee have been working closely with the Bureau of Reclamation, trying to get action and also protect the rights of our users here.

LOUIE GALLOWAY reported that it is doubtful if construction of the Central Utah Project participating units in our area can begin before 1965 or 1966 or even later, because of the time necessary to get out definite plan reports, get Congressional approval for construction, appropriations for construction, and contracts let, etc.

MR. CARTER stated that while the whole of the construction costs will not be required repaid, and the amount to be repaid can be as little as 20% or less in Federal sponsored projects, use can be had of privately sponsored projects while otherwise waiting for construction through federal means would be involved. He stated that he thinks the Bureau of Reclamation will make available plans and specifications for reservoir sites the Bureau has investigated for building water storage reservoirs on a private basis.

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION PROTESTS WATER APPLICATIONS ON DUCHESNE RIVER: Some discussion was entered into regarding water applications with the State Engineer and protests thereon by the Bureau of Reclamation.

It was moved by Elmer R. Moon and seconded by Alfonzo Defa that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.



Louie Galloway, Secretary

Attest:

Elwood B Carter, Chariman

STATE OF UTAH
OFFICE OF STATE ENGINEER

DUCHESNE - STRAWBERRY
RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES COVERING THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 1960
THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1960

STATE ENGINEER CHECKBOOK BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1959 \$ 2,897.54

Total receipts* \$ 6,792.91

Total expenditures \$ 5,869.01

STATE ENGINEER CHECKBOOK BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1960 \$ 3,821.44

Bills payable \$ 1,182.75

NET CASH ON HAND \$ 2,638.69

*NOTE: Regular assessments \$ 6,763.13**

Special collections
for late payments \$ 29.78

Total receipts: \$ 6,792.91

Prepared by: /s/ Frank Reese
Frank Reese
Business Manager

APPROVED:

Wayne D. Criddle
State Engineer

**NOTE: Delinquent Assessments Total \$ 484.84

STATE OF UTAH
OFFICE OF STATE ENGINEER

DUCHESNE - STRAWBERRY
RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

1960 Budget <u>Item no.</u>	<u>Description of item</u>	Amount Approved for 1960	DETAIL OF EXPENDITURES			Bills Payable 1961
			<u>1960 Budget</u>	<u>1959 Budget</u>	<u>Total Expenditures</u>	
1	Commissioner's Salary	\$5,000.00*	\$4,109.25	\$ 18.09	\$4,127.34	\$ 962.75
2	Matching Social Security	144.00	77.16	18.06	95.22	75.00
3	Auto Travel	1,000.00	1,208.70**		1,208.70	100.00
4	Office Rent	170.00	100.00		100.00	20.00
5	Telephone Expense	100.00	46.24		46.24	25.00
6	Annual Report (1959)	300.00	241.24		241.24	
7	Bonds & Insurance Premiums	25.00	15.34	7.46	22.80	
8	Miscellaneous Expense	211.00	9.80		9.80	
9	Office Supplies & Equipment	50.00	17.67		17.67	
Total		\$7,000.00	\$5,825.40	\$ 43.61	\$5,869.01	\$1,182.75

*NOTE: Operational period is March 1, 1960 through February 28, 1961 which affects total Social Security deductions. Recommend a Calendar operation of January 1, through December 31 of each year.

** Over-expenditure approved by Chairman and includes \$41.58 for Deputy.

1960 Budget <u>Item no.</u>	<u>Description of item</u>	Amount Approved for 1960	DETAIL OF EXPENDITURES			Bills Payable 1961
			<u>1960 Budget</u>	<u>1959 Budget</u>	<u>Total Expenditures</u>	
1	Leo Brady					
	Net Salary		\$3,680.00		\$3,680.00	\$ 735.96
	Federal Tax		270.40		270.40	135.20
	Social Security Tax		75.00		75.00	75.00
	Utah State Tax		11.85		11.85	16.59
	Gross Salary *	\$5,000.00	(4,037.25)		(4,037.25)	(962.75)
	Reed Clayburn					
	Net Salary		69.84		69.84	
	Federal Tax					
	Social Security Tax		2.16	2.55	4.71	
	Utah State Tax					
	Gross Salary		(72.00)	(2.55)	(74.55)	
	B. O. Colton, Jr.					
	Net Salary					
	Federal Tax					
	Social Security Tax			15.00	15.00	
	Utah State Tax					
	Gross Salary			(15.00)	(15.00)	

*NOTE: Operational period is March 1, 1960 through February 28, 1961